AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicant requests entry of the proposed drawing correction to Figures 3 and 6 per the enclosed redline copy. Figures 3 and 6 are amended to schematically illustrate the second connector part designated by the numeral 21.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 1 after the title of the invention to insert the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/207,610 filed May 26, 2000.

Please amend the paragraph spanning page 9, lines 20 – 37 as follows:

The connector part is arranged so as to extend through a hole 40 in the bulkhead, preferably a circular hole with an inner diameter big enough to give a clearance from the outer periphery of the connector part. The mounting apparatus is bolted to the bulkhead by bolts 42 fed through each of the four apertures 10 and through corresponding apertures 27 in the bulkhead. The mounting of the connector part to the installation in this way will normally be carried out at surface, whereafter the installation may be lowered into position on the seabed. The connector part may be mated with the other connector part 21, i.e. a plug connector part designed to fit in the receptacle, of the connector either at surface or when underwater. Demating and mating of the connector may subsequently take place underwater, with the first connector part being flexibly supported by the mounting apparatus to assist with these operations.

Please amend the paragraph spanning page 11, line 27 – page 12, line 3 as follows:

The described embodiments of mounting apparatus provide compliance between the connector part and the installation, so that when the other connector part 21 approaches and engages the already installed connector part 24, the latter may move relative to the installation without unacceptable shock loading. Compliance is provided in the axial direction (i.e. rearward or forward movement of the connector part), in the angular direction (i.e. angular movement of the connector part such that it tilts off the axial direction), and in the rotational direction (i.e. twisting movement of the connector part 24 about the axial direction). The mounting apparatus is capable of allowing .+-.2 mm axial movement, .+-.5.degree. angular movement and .+-.20.degree. rotational movement.